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No 'Roos, no sparkle, Ledic for Marconi

If interest in soccer is not as high as it should be at the moment, one of the main reasons is that we have no national teams — neither senior nor youth.

The national team is the biggest publicity-grabber that soccer has.

Everyone wants to know who is in line for selection, they like to know about international games, and the players themselves strive hard to make their national team their goal.

We have none of that at the moment.

In fact we haven't had it since the World Youth Championships five months ago.

Instead of capitalising on those championships, the ASF forgot all about them!

The result is that the public has no idea who our international players are and there is no scope to build up such players in the media.

I urge the ASF bosses to put their heads together and think hard about this.

What soccer needs now is a programme of glamorous international matches to capture the public's imagination.

Without it, we might have to kiss the next World Cup goodbye, as we did the last two.

Yet with 24 nations qualifying now, it should be easier than ever for us to make it.

Let's not be under the mistaken impression however that money alone will get us there.

All I ever seem to read is how much sponsorship money we can expect for the next World Cup campaign.

But it wasn't money that brought success to New Zealand, nor to Kuwait, although Kuwait has money by the barrel-full.

No, it was intelligent planning and it was also top-class coaching that brought success to those countries.

But instead of preparing ourselves we look set to waste at least a year, the same way we wasted a year after the 1974 World Cup finals, through which the Socceroos created enormous interest among all Australians.

More examples of soccer killing itself from within:

First the State League soccer dropped altogether from Channel 7, Sydney, with PSL monopolising the coverage. And of course British soccer still gets pride of place as well.

Yet isn't it more important to publicise State League soccer than British soccer?

Next, we see that Sydney's PSL clubs have banded together to produce a co-operative match programme.

Good move.

However, it seems not even the PSL clubs can work together. Whereas St. George, Sydney City, APIA and Marconi are a party to the programme, Sydney Olympic mysteriously is not.

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Now to the bigger issues.

How ridiculous is it that the State League kicks off with Blacktown's under 16s playing at 3 pm, the same time that our senior team plays on the ground opposite?

That junior game involved 60 or 70 parents who therefore could not see the senior game. What's more important is that the junior players couldn't see the senior game either — and it's from the seniors that they should be learning.

Why doesn't the Federation finally take steps to get all juniors to play on Saturday and Sunday mornings to enable them and their parents to go to senior games in the afternoons?

Instead, we have amateurs competing with semi-pros and semi-pros competing with the so-called pros etc., etc.

Let's finally make it easier for soccer to do well in Australia. Isn't it time soccer stopped holding itself back?

The potential is there.

We have clubs and competitions which can and should be promoted much more intensively, and we certainly have the players.

They are coming through the ranks with exciting regularity. Look around: Renato Licata, Attila Carbone and especially young Tom McCullagh (George's son) are doing fine things at Marconi, Socrates Nicolelis has hit the lime-light at South Melbourne Hellenes; Charlie Yankos is getting better and better at Heidelberg; Mark Barton and David Skeen are starring at St. George; Suleiman Curovic is emerging as a potential star at Footscray JUST; Tom Totakas and Robbie Dunn are big successes at West Adelaide; Ian Cray is consolidating his position at APIA, and so it goes on.

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Velez Mostar captain Ledic is due to join

SOON.

But Ledic, who toured Australia with Velez in 1976, has been the best player in recent Yugoslav league matches, and one

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Croatia bids for Djoni of Schalke

By CRAIG MACKENZIE

Melbourne Croatia was close to clinching the signing of crack defender Vilson Djoni as we went to press.

Djoni played for many seasons with Yugoslav First Division club Hajduk Split before crossing to rival Dinamo Zagreb.

From Dinamo the talented Djoni moved to the German Bundesliga where he was snapped up by Schalke 04, his current club.

Djoni's contract with Schalke has expired but under the rules of the German federation Schalke must continue to pay Djoni 75 percent of match fees until the defender signs with another club.

Croatia president Joe Sigur has spoken to Djoni by phone and the pair have agreed on terms. The only hitch is that Schalke is asking for a \$30,000 transfer fee.

Ex-Hajduk Split sweeper Mijo Mrsic also is on the Croatia shopping list. Croatia will contact Mrsic this week at current club, Solin, in the Yugoslav Second Division.

Meanwhile Croatia welcomed two overseas recruits last Monday. They are Josip Biskic, a 22-year-old midfielder from BSK Slavonski Brod and Jozo Antolovic, a 23-year-old attacking midfielder from Olimpia Osijek.

Biskic and Antolovic leave Croatia with only one temporary visa vacancy to fill.

Either Djoni or Mrsic can come here as a guest player, the other taking up Croatia's sole temporary visa vacancy.



Joe Sigur

The Victorian Leagues kickoff this weekend amid the biggest upheaval in the history of soccer in the State.

The new-look, 14-team Metropolitan and Provisional Leagues should make for fierce competition.

The ambitions of many clubs have been sparked by their advancement to higher leagues while more established clubs have been forced into the great player chase in order to maintain a keen competitive ability.

It should make for great seasons.

Metro glamor clubs Frankston Pines and Fawkner should just one step away from winning their way into State League and they loom as major promotion candidates in a very tough First Division.

Western Suburbs and Box Hill had high hopes going into the 1981 season but failed to keep pace with Polonia and Albion Rovers, now in State League.

No doubt the Hillmen will be well-organised, robust outfit this year while Suburbs, again coached by former Socceroo Bill Vojsak, believe they can finish higher than their third placing in 1981.

Kew City, or Kew Park Rangers or Kew Celtic or whatever you are to call the club, certainly has mustered greater support from its amalgamation with the Melbourne

Fawkner, Pines big guns as Vic. kicks off

branch of the Glasgow Celtic Supporters' Club.

The kingpins in Kew's rise from the depths of Metro Fourth Division, Hugh Murray and Joe Cocherty, once more lead the club into another league campaign. Paddy McElhinney's return from Morwell Falcons and Ian McNell's switch from Hakob give Kew more class and aggression in midfield. If Murray and 'The Doc' can come up with a top class striker than Kew surely will figure prominently in the top half of the table throughout the season.

Aggression was one of the hallmarks of Preston Makedonia's State League championship winning side in 1980 when Brian Eddleby was coach. No doubt Knox City hopes that Eddleby's success with Makedonia rubs off.

Eddleby is backed by the experienced John Kennedy who recently completed a successful senior coaching course at Monash University. He is quite capable of building up a strong outfit at Knox.

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PRESTON MAKEDONIA



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ALLAN WHITTLE's skill and experience gained in professional world of English Soccer will be in full view at Connor Reserves Sunday

Warren fails in television court action

The NSW Equity Court last week rejected an injunction taken out by former national team captain Johnny Warren and Miss Christine Finke, seeking to prevent Channel 0-28 from using the name "Captain Socceroo" for its Saturday afternoon TV show.

Mr Justice Rath awarded costs against Warren and Finke.

They took out the injunction, claiming they had formally applied to register the name "Captain Socceroo".

And they sought a declaration by the court in regard to Channel 0-28's rights to use the "Captain Socceroo" title.

Meanwhile, Channel 0-28 and Channel 7, for which Warren now works as host of a TV soccer footage shot by Channel 0-28.

A TV station which covered a PSL match on contract to Channel 0-28 complained recently that highlights of that match had been shown on Channel 7, without permission from



Johnny Warren

Channel 0-28 executive director Ron Fowles said 0-28 held the exclusive rights for coverage of PSL matches.

He said Channel 7 had apologised over the episode and talks were under way to work out a formal agreement on future use by Channel 7 of 0-28 footage.

Warren's legal representatives made it clear during the court hearing that because of financial limitations, it would be impossible to put a lengthy submission.

Had Warren continued with this preliminary hearing, the case could have gone to a second hearing and then to an appeal, which would have run into hundreds of thousands of

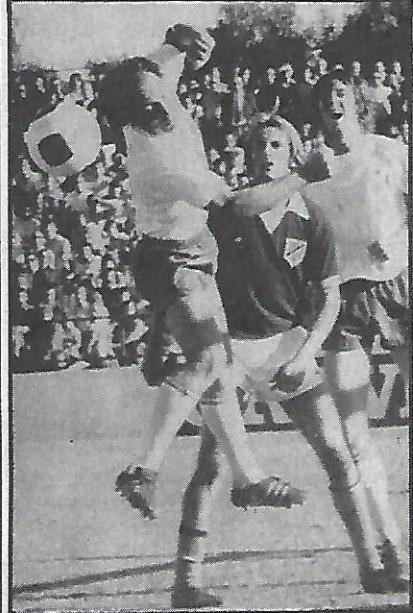


ABOVE: Rogers at Sunshine (second from right) after a Noorden Cup victory. From left: Bill Johnson, Scott Frew, Mick Banagan, Alby Seaman, Herbie Seenan, Rogers, Zbig Olszewski.

TOP CENTRE: In the colors of Hellas.

TOP RIGHT: In action (centre) against Rocco Ilio (left) of Pan Hellenic.

RIGHT: After scoring for Hellas against Sydney Olympic, with team-mate Peter Ollerton in the background. Goalkeeper is Gary Meier.



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BILLY ROGERS: KING OF THE COMEBACKS

By LAURIE SCHWAB

Billy Rogers may be king of the comebacks, but would he be fit enough this time?

That was the big question when Rogers returned to training with South Melbourne Hellas last week.

At 32, he's no spring chicken. And he hasn't played since the end of last season — about five months ago.

Rogers himself didn't share those doubts.

The day we talked to him, he's risen at 6.30 am for his daily two-mile run. He doesn't drink nor smoke, and he's actually taken off five pounds since he stopped playing.

He was hoping like hell that he'd get to play against his old club, APIA, last Sunday.

But whatever happened at the weekend, Rogers is set to resume his role as the midfield strong-man of Hellas.

The call went out to him after Grant Turner's return to New Zealand and after Hellas had dropped three points from two games, against Sydney City Hakoah, and West Adelaide Hellas.

Rogers had quit at the end of 1981 to concentrate on his plumbing business and because he was sick of the travel back and forth from his home at Launching Place, about 60 km from Melbourne.

But soccer's still in his blood and he started bubbling with renewed enthusiasm when Hellas asked him to come back.

It's his second comeback with Hellas. He quit three years ago and was out of the game for 12 months after Hellas failed to respond to his demands for a new contract.

Yet even after a one-year absence, Rogers had no trouble fitting in again when coach John Margaritis called him back.

The most spectacular comeback however, was Rogers' return to the national team last year.

Coach Rudi Gutendorf decided he needed a midfield destroyer and it was Rogers he chose, even though Rogers' last game for Australia had been nine years earlier — against Pele's team FC Santos in 1972, when he came on as a substitute for Adrian Alston.

Australia managed a 2-2 draw that day, with Jimmy Rooney and Ray Baartz scoring the goals.

Rogers had played for Australia once previously, in a 2-2 draw with Wolverhampton Wanderers the same year.

And so Rogers wore the green and gold again in 1981, for Australia's opening World Cup qualifying game against New Zealand in Auckland.

Australia drew that game 2-2, but lost the return 0-2 in Sydney, and Rogers was dropped in the purge that followed.

'By putting in the effort,

I'll get the results'

dedicated, tireless fighter who serves as an inspiration to his team mates.

Born in South Africa, he played under 14 soccer there as a goalkeeper.

His first club in Australia was Sunshine City, where he was promoted from the under 16s to the reserves and then the senior team which benefited greatly from his high work rate for two seasons, before he switched to Melbourne-Hungaria.

There he became the club's top scorer, in 1970, when he had Rale Basic as coach and Ray Pocock and Steve Belksany on the wings.

After two years with Melbourne, he headed for Sydney to join Auburn where he stayed for three years.

Then it was off to APIA, a champion team at the time, featuring Peter Ollerton, Jimmy Rooney and Terry Butler. It was at APIA that he shifted back to midfield.

Now in his fifth season with Hellas, he is putting everything he has into his comeback.

"I'm not coming back to play for the reserves or to sit on the bench," he said, "and by putting in the effort, I'll get the results."

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McGorian top gun against new-look Altona Gate

From page one
Altona Gate
 Vardar could have up to six new faces in its first 11 on Saturday when it hosts Frankston Pines at Paisley Reserve.

However, neither the experience of Cele Presliski nor the rugged tackling of Steve Dimovski look like suppressing Pines' star winger Mick McGorian.

Vlado Kotevski, Altona Gate's central defender, comes up against George Malcolm, one of the best shielders of the ball in Metro ranks. Malcolm is likely to run Kotevski all over the park so Altona Gate would be well advised to sign up sweeper Danny Acsesi from J.U.S.T. Acsesi could play a crucial role in Saturday's clash as his duty would be to give good cover to his fellow defenders assigned the task of quelling the rampaging Pines' strike force.

Altona City, the only club to be relegated during the major league reshuffle four weeks ago, confronts Italian-sponsored Fawkner at Kim Reserve on Saturday.

Altona recently signed Jim Leonard, a full back from Dundee in Scotland and he could find himself pitted against the elusive Mario Anselmo, Fawkner's close season signing from Doncaster Rovers.

Hans van der Poel returns to the Altona goal while Nat Little, Steve Jones and Howard Mercer have again signed for this season.

However it's unlikely that midfielder George Watters will be seen in Altona colors this year and Billy Whyte still is overseas.

I lean slightly to Fawkner in this clash. With the Sabidussi brother — Bruno and Carlo — in midfield, the visitors should have their fair share of possession and may do just enough to shade an Altona side which will surprise a lot of teams in 1982.

Hellas-Mordialloc, St. Albans Dinamo, Heidelberg, Bundoora, Ringwood United Serbia — perhaps Second Division Metro should be called the Amalgamation League.

All these clubs will find the second string sides of Preston Macedonia, Heidelberg Alexander and Footscray J.U.S.T. a handful this year.

The Second Division looks very open indeed.

Croatian-sponsored St. Albans expects big things this season from star midfielder Branko Culina. As we went to press the club was negotiating with Melbourne Croatia for the release of midfielder Ivan Istuk.

Vinko Pavlovic, from Altona City, has joined so St. Albans should put together a squad good enough to vie for honors.

Hungarian-sponsored Melbourne is keen to regain its former status as one of the giants of Victorian soccer.

Only \$4000 for McClunie-Webster

Hellas-Hakoah's striking double, Richie McClunie and Stan Webster, have been transfer listed at their own requests.

The pair has a keen understanding up front and the prices on their heads are negotiable.

McClunie is listed at \$1,500 with Webster at \$2,500.

Interested clubs should phone 531 7262 after hours.

Both players have extensive experience in the Ayrshire League in Scotland.

BENTLEY'S BACK

Gordon Bentley has returned to Melbourne, the club with which he started his Australian career.

Bentley crossed from Devon on a free transfer. Before that he played for Albion Rovers.



CRAIG MACKENZIE

Selections:

METROPOLITAN LEAGUE DIVISION ONE
 Saturday: BOX HILL v Knox City; Altona Gate v FRANKSTON PINES; Altona City v FAWKNER.

Sunday: WESTERN SUBURBS v Moreland; BELL PARK v Sivie; Richmond v KEW CITY; Kellar Austria v Doncaster Rovers (draw).

DIVISION TWO

Saturday: Preston Macedonia v MELBOURNE; DANDENONG CITY v Broadmeadows; Ardeer v Heidelberg-Boroondara (draw); Springvale City v ST. ALBANS DINAMO; Heidelberg United-Ringwood United Serbia; STH. MELB. MORDIALLOC v Werribee City; Footscray J.U.S.T. v Werribee (draw).

DIVISION THREE

Saturday: Coburg v PORT MELBOURNE; Eltham v Corio (draw); THOMASTOWN v North Dandenong; PRAHRAN CITY v Brighton; MORNINGTON v Yallourn; Royal Richmond v Nunawading (draw); SUNBURY UNITED v Keysborough.

DIVISION FOUR

Saturday: Hamlyn Rangers v Moorabbin (draw); Chelsea v Essendon City (draw); Monash University v CAULFIELD; SANDRINGHAM CITY v Rosebud; NORTH GEELONG v Mooroolbark; SOUTH OAKLEIGH v Geelong; Ferntree Gully v Greensborough (draw).

PROVISIONAL LEAGUE DIVISION ONE

Saturday: Carlton v EAST BRUNSWICK; MELTON v Clayton; BALLARAT v Langwarrin; KARINGAL UNITED v Lalor United; HAWKS BURN v South Yarra; SHEPPARTON CITY v Nunawading United; Hawthorn v ROSANNA.

DIVISION TWO

Saturday: Clifton Hill v MELVERN CITY; YARRAVILLE v Moel United; Regent v CENTRAL CITY; BULLEEN v Boronia; Berwick City v Mordialloc (draw); West Melbourne v ABBOTSFORD TASSA; CRANBOURNE v Kyneton.

DIVISION THREE

Saturday: Cheltenham v South Dandenong (draw); Mitcham v Uni. of Melbourne (draw); Moonee Ponds v HAMPTON WANDERS; Monbulk v ALTONA UNITED; WEST BRUNSWICK v Dallas City; West Geelong v CLARINDA; Brunswick City v BURNLEY.

DIVISION FOUR

Saturday: NORTH MELBOURNE v East Carlton; Vermont v HOLLAND PARK; Pascoe Vale v North Sunshine (draw); SPRINGVALE UNITED v Ascot United; PORT UNITED v Murumbat; Batman United v SEAFORD; MOSFIELD RANGERS v Dingley.

AMATEUR LEAGUE DIVISION ONE

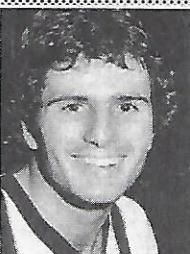
Sunday: ENDEAVOUR HILLS v Chelstone; Balwyn City v PARKMORE; MACLEOD UNITED v Bundoora; Melbourne Uni. v Belgrave (draw); LYNDALE UNITED v Postal Institute; HOSA UNITED v Meadow Park; Latrobe Uni. v MACCABI HAKOAH.

DIVISION TWO

Sunday: WAVERLEY UNITED v Royal Melb. Inst. of Tech; RAAF Melbourne v DIAMOND CREEK; Epping Thistle v Baxter (draw); CONCORDE v Mill Park; MULGRAVE v St. Bernards; WEST UNITED v Westall; KOONYONG RANGERS v Geelong United.

YOUTH LEAGUE SOUTH EAST

Sunday: MORNINGTON v Springvale United; MOOROOLBARK v Moorabbin; NUNAWADING v Kew City; BOX HILL v Waverley; Knox City v FRANKSTON PINES; DOVETON v Springvale City.



Fawkner brothers Bruno (left) and Carlo Sabidussi.



Bruno (left) and Carlo Sabidussi.

Danny McMinimee, the man who guided Doveton into State League, is coach of Melbourne. McMinimee will put out a fit, hard-running side which features one of the most underrated players in Metro ranks in the talented John Bird.

Hellas-Mordialloc has signed Billy Rae as player-coach. The experienced Rae has been with Hakoah, Albion Rovers, Melbourne and Box Hill.



Cele Presliski, star of Altona Gate Vardar.

signed along with goalkeeper George Nicopoulos from Postal Institute and Chris Michaelopoulos from Brighton.

The nuggety Michaelopoulos was the leading scorer in Metro Fourth Division last year.

Hellas-Mordialloc has its sights set on signing a big name striker. The club currently is negotiating with George Cross for Jim Paparas.

Hellas-Hakoah strikers Richie McClunie and Stan Webster are others who could be on the Greek sponsored club's shopping list.

Mordialloc should start off the season on a winning note on Saturday by taking the points from visitor Waverley.

St. Albans Dinamo visits Ross Reserve, Springvale, on Saturday and also should get a good start to the league season.

Thomastown and Mornington look like the teams to beat in Third Division.

Italian-sponsored Thomastown, current Provisional League champion, won last year's Italian Cup by beating Juventus in the final. Such a credential makes Thomastown appear a strong promotion candidate.

Former Altona City and Frankston City midfielder Davide Cooper is player-coach of Mornington and has signed big Bob Adams from Frankston City.

"The Seagulls" have taken a long time to gain the momentum to get out of Metro Fourth Division and should continue on their winning way when they host Yallourn on Saturday.

George Train's Sunbury United must come into calculations for promotion, as should Greek sponsored Port Melbourne which made a big impact in a recent Greek Cup competition.

North Geelong, Mooroolbark, South Oakleigh and Sandringham look like the strongest sides in Fourth Division.

No doubt Norrie Davey's Rosebud won't be far behind. The colorful Davey always produces, tough, competitive sides and already this season he's signed Jimmy Smart, the former Essendon Lions great.

Davey has had coaching stints at Dandenong City,

Sandringham and Nunawading City.

He'll meet old friends on Saturday when he takes his side to Sillitoe Reserve in Hampton to challenge Steve Walker's Sandringham.

The locals feature no less than seven new faces and are keen to get off to a flying start to 1982.

Croatian-sponsored North Geelong and Ian Williamson's Mooroolbark clash down Corio way on Saturday. A draw looks like the best bet.

The Barker completed successful sponsorship negotiations late last week with Data Key Australia Pty. Ltd. and with ex-Sunshine stalwart Mike Dixey and Croydon midfielder Johnny Howarth in their line-up they should do their sponsor proud this season.

I fancy Ballarat, Rosanna and Hawksburn to fight out the Provisional First Division title race.

In Second Division my money's on Cranbourne, with Yarraville, Malvern City and Central City not far behind.

Burnley has high hopes

of success in Third Division but watch out for Clarinda and Hampton Waverley.

Springvale United should win the Fourth Division championship. The only interest revolves around the runner-up spot and Turkish-sponsored Holland Park can prove that the climb from the Amateur to the Provisional Leagues is not insurmountable.



Carl Gilder — not so jubilant now.

Pay is for service!

By CRAIG MACKENZIE

The right of a player to appeal against the transfer fee placed upon his head by his club has had an inflationary effect upon Australian transfer fees.

The rationale behind the introduction of Appeals Boards was to give players the chance to gain a fair and reasonable transfer fees.

Club haven't been slow in fitting their interests into the structure of the Appeals Board system.

Now clubs place even higher transfer fees upon players, expecting Appeals Boards to drop the transfer price by a few thousand dollars.

However, in the case of Melbourne Croatia striker Carl Gilder, the \$15,000 placed upon his head was not knocked down by the Appeals Board.

The terms of reference for the VSF Appeals Board are curious. They are:

In determining the transfer fee the tribunal (Appeals Board) shall consider the following points: (1) Cost of player to club (2) Length of service to club, (3) Signing-on fee and match fee paid by club, (4) Player's age, (5) Player's standard at joining club and at time of transfer.

It states this writer that the VSF Appeals Board, indeed any Appeals Board, can take into consideration the match fee paid by the club.

Surely that match fee is a payment for service, nothing more, nothing less. The club is the employer, if you like, and pays the player — its employee — a match fee which can be likened only to a weekly wage.

That match fee is a subject for private negotiation between player and club and it is ludicrous in the extreme to include match fees when considering a fair and reasonable price to be placed upon a player's head.

Croatia won't find a buyer for Carl Gilder at its \$15,000 transfer price. Committee I have spoken to acknowledge this. Gilder himself acknowledges this. So what is the point of the exercise?

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Mel Whelan (right) managing director of Data Key Australia, hands over his company's sponsorship cheque to Charles Woods, vice-president of Metro Fourth Division client Moonmark. This is the second success

It's 'bon voyage' to David Childs

One of the best — quite possibly the very best — of Australia's top-flight soccer administrators quit the game last Friday: David Childs, secretary of Sydney City is out of soccer. And a sad day for the game.

Childs — Welsh born, English educated, ex-RAF, ex-Wollongong and Northern NSW Federation secretary — resigned to take up an executive post in Queensland with a network of food stores.

To me, he always has epitomised the ideal club secretary: intelligent, efficient, enterprising, creative and highly imaginative. On top of that he has managed to remain affable; even at the end of a hard day — often ending at 8pm — pleasant, polite and for ever

willing to get involved in one of those interminable "what's-wrong-with-the-game" type of discourses.

His critics at times claimed that David Childs had "failed" with Wollongong and with Northern NSW. Actually, it was the club and that Federation that failed HIM.

In Sydney City, sponsored by the Sydney Hakoah club, David found his metier; this non-Jewish Anglo-Saxon fitted perfectly into what must have been an alien setting for him.

Hakoah is a rich club, a luxurious club, a totally European club but may not be an easy club to work for.

Somebody — a club member — once cracked to me:

"In APIA, Nick Papalio is the president of 8,000 mem-



Andrew Dettre

logical infrastructure of our soccer, the stepdashed routine management "techniques" — and myriad problems associated with the game — prove this.

David Childs was one of the exceptions. Whether he was arranging a gala evening at the club, negotiating with a sponsor, meeting with other club officials or briefing his superiors, he was rarely at his second best.

And now — he is out of soccer.

As he says, long term career considerations forced him to quit the game he deeply loves and understands.

The very best leave the

bers. Here in Hakoah, Frank Lowy is the president of 5,000

presidents." *

As some readers might suspect, I am seldom in awe of our soccer administrators; the majority are honest but drab men dabbling into a great unknown, with predictably poor results.

That goes for Federations, too, not just the clubs. The II-

game; the very worst stay on for ever. How unspeakably sad.

Also last week, Radio 2GB's sports editor threw a fat cat among the pigeons with his allegations that a "minor sport with a minimal sponsor" had tried to bribe him. He was offered \$100 cash a week for a few minutes of radio time on Saturday mornings.

The editor, Richard Fisk, wouldn't name the sport. Could it have been soccer? We all wonder.

Fisk also said that he knew "at least four" Sydney journalists taking bribes from various sports. Naturally, he wouldn't name the gallant four.

But we have been hearing such rumours for years. According to "reliable reports," some reporters receive an unjustified "Christmas present"

from certain clubs; the sum of \$2,000 has been mentioned.

One of them is allegedly collecting payola left, right and centre.

Then what about a commentator involved with the electronic media who is reportedly also "on the take?" Sydney club officials talk about this with amazing openness but none of them are prepared to be quoted.

It's a sad reflection of our times that journalists should accept two payments for the one job — one from their employers, one from the sport itself.

Still, undoubtedly, a few of them do. Those who offer these inducements are just as guilty as those who take it, let alone demand it.

But beyond the moral implications, one really wonders what miracles these bribed reports are supposed to perform? Are they worth being corrupted?

If any of them would have ever demonstrated an ability to pack the grounds, I'd say the temptation of the bribe was at least understandable.

However, week after dreary week, their writing or commentary has not even the most minimal effect on attendance. If anything, it keeps fans disenchanted with the game.

The only sensible thing would be to pay them a small weekly retainer — and ask them not to write anything at all. Perhaps that would bring about some positive results.

Investigate payola claims, oops, what a blunder!

TEAM PHOTOGRAPHS

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With Peter Scott



The proverbial bull dust really hit the sand in Sydney last week with sensational allegations of payola going the way of all — powerful sports commentators.

The rationale for these storeys seems to be that the many sports battling for survival and the elusive sponsorship dollar are seeking ways of ensuring

guaranteed exposure on TV and Radio.

We in soccer are familiar with the very problems they are talking about even if many of our sports' wounds are self inflicted when it comes to media relations.

Witness the latest fracas between the Philips Soccer League and the various State Leagues.

There are numerous others even worse off than the round-ball code.

However, out of all the hullabaloo and protestations from outraged media personalities something good may emerge. Soccer and the many other sports and, dare we say, the largely dormant Confederation of Australian Sport which expected to represent all of us, should not allow this affair to become a nine day wonder.

Let's take up the cudgels and demand a thorough investigation into why some sports feel it necessary to spend their meager resources on allegedly greasing the palms of commentators.

Why don't all Radio and TV stations as well as newspapers, do their job, which is to present the news and information in a manner and format at least roughly representative of the size of public participation and standard of competition in each of these sports, within the obvious limitations of time and space?

On what basis do sports get classified into "minor" and "major" categories?

What are the guidelines for deciding on the slot for each sport, this arbitrary type-casting which can well determine its future hopes for sponsorship and attracting crowds?

Now that the lid has been blown off we may well be entitled to ask why certain afternoon newspapers devote, on occasion, 85 percent or more of their sporting space to Rugby League and Racing.

In fact, maybe the time has arrived for the Australian sporting media to be put under the microscope, one which should focus in on the professionalism, knowledge, competence and fair-mindedness of some of our fellow journalists, editors and producers.

Just to stay with the media theme a little while longer, it is a pity that a semblance of respect and co-operation cannot be maintained within the soccer press of this country.

Last week I felt the need to refer to another soccer publication which, judging by the latest issue seems to specialise in denigrating anything that looks the least bit like competition.

All I can say is that in business, everybody should get judged by the quality of the service or the product provided, not by an ability to score points off cheap shots aimed at competitors.

And, while we are discussing quality and accuracy, it is strange that a publication which never ceases to sound like the soccer version of Muhammad Ali would allow some rather embarrassing blunders to appear in its pages.

For instance, would somebody please tell them that George Christopoulos' appearance in Britain for Newcastle United does not depend on Greece eventually joining the European Common Market.



TIM WHITE

Victorian coaching director

The 'big boot' is the best way to lose the ball

Viewing recent matches from England on television, I despair at the number of teams that still persist, with the goalkeeper in possession of the ball, in using the very often non-productive "big boot" towards the half-way line.

This normally results in a big battle and frequent loss of possession of the ball.

This tactic is applied so much by our own teams here in Australia. Some of the coaches responsible for these teams very often talk of placing skill, creative and enterprising soccer and yet still persist with a tactic that gives the ball away with almost reckless abandon and obvious regularity.

On the other hand there often is a paranoid anxiety present in many spectators and team officials when their team is prepared to receive the ball from the goalkeeper in areas close to their own goal and play out from the back.

Victoria played this system of building up from the back in their recent fixtures versus New Zealand and Hungary.

Unfortunately the patience shown by the Victorian players in building up their attack did not carry through to the anxious Victorian supporters.

Surely, for a team to reach at least the halfway line with the ball in their composed possession, is a much better position than the ball in the air with the chance that your team may or may not win the first touch, and then have to battle for possessions after that.

Generally an organised defence can deal with the predictable "big boot" attack, with a good challenge in the air and cover behind the challenge.

That does not mean that the kick from the goalkeeper has no place in the game; performed at the right time it can be effective but I believe it is generally overworked. Evidence of it being used successfully.

Players can also decide to run the ball forward if the situation is on. Using this principle of playing from the back we may encourage the opposition to become stretched defensively and ease the problem of playing through them. Added to this, the opposing front players may have to do much defensive running to prevent the ball being played forward. This of course acts as a drain on their physical resources which they need so much when they are in possession.

Next week I will continue this subject and look at what we need to play out from the back and of course HOW WE PLAY OUT FROM THE BACK. I will include a diagram with a suggested method of performing the task.

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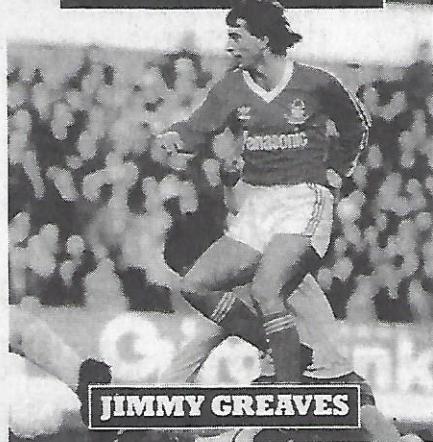
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The squad for the Victorian u/15 representative team to tour New Zealand in May has been finalised. The squad is as follows: —

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Paris Tsambasi will be the tour captain and vice-captain will be Erny Tapai.

The squad had its first run since being named when it was

the guest of Shepparton City and played against a Goulburn Valley select side.

For an hour the Goulburn Valley side proved a worthy opponent, but the state squad ran out the winners 6-2. Scorer's were Watson 2, Basic 2, Markovac and Turcic.

Brighton soccer club has offered its ground to the squad for training.

The Regional squads have now been finalised and the regional competition starts on March 28 and continues to April 3 and 4.

During the recent meeting of country delegates, the various associations informed the J.L.M.C. that there has

With the Juniors,
by FRED BROOKS



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6. Boyle (Mak), 5. Whittle (Mak), 4. Petrovski (Mak), 3. Milne (JUST), 2. Stojcevski (JUST), 1. Iloski (JUST).

NEWCASTLE KB UTD 2 (Lowe 2) MARCONI-DATSON 0 at International Sports Centre. Votes by Joe Lanzoni:

6. Lowe (N), 5. Dooley (N), 4. Tredinnick (N), 3. Sneddon (N), 2. McClelland (N), 1. Hunter (M).

WEST ADELAIDE LIONS 0 SYDNEY CITY HAKOAH 2 (Kosmina, Cent) Hindmarsh. Votes by Meno Toutsidis:

Hakoah for lead, Hellas to click

By CRAIG MACKENZIE

Sydney City Hakoah should be perched in its customary top of the table position after Sunday's clash with APIA Leichhardt at the Sydney Athletic Field.

The classy Sydney City is my tip for title honors in 1982. It's monotonous to tip Eddie Tomson's team for title honors - the team that's won three PSL titles in five years. Almost as repetitious as the fashion in which Sydney City continues to dominate Australian soccer at the highest level.

As in 1981, the John Kosmina-Kenny Boden partnership leads the Sydney City strike force and should prove too good for the APIA defense on Sunday.

No doubt APIA's measured improvement in recent times continues. In Marshall Soper, APIA has one of the most exciting strikers in the present PSL.

However, the elusive Soper will find space up front at a premium against experienced Steve O'Connor, John Spanos and Co. South Melbourne Hellas, the team which promised so much at the start of the season now finds itself five points adrift from top spot.

Hellas probably claims, rightfully, that it has had no luck in its past two trips to Sydney. Missed chances cost it dearly against Sydney City and a late Soper goal sealed its fate against APIA.

However, Hellas can rekindle its flagging championship flame at Brisbane City's expense at Middle Park on Sunday.

Charlie Egan heads the scorers' list at Hellas this year with four PSL goals to his name. More importantly the quicksilver Egan promises even greater things to come once he finally finds his feet in PSL ranks.

An unusual Jim Shirra mistake cost Hellas dearly against APIA and the home team's support will be looking for a disciplined display against Nero Saftich's Brisbane City.

With Jimmy Dunne at sweeper and fullbacks Steve Perry and Billy Wilkinson flanking the former Eire international, City takes on a fairly resolute appearance in defence. Still, it's hard to see the visitors holding out on Sunday.

Preston Makedonia may have to be satisfied with sharing the points when it runs into George Murray's Canberra at Connor Reserve on Saturday.

Canberra kingpins, Ian Gibson and Ian Purdie, are the danger men here and now that Tony Brennan has found his scoring touch the home side's defense could be in for a torrid time.

Canberra coach Murray is well acquainted with the ability of Makedonia's dynamo Doug Brown. The pair knew each other at Aberdeen in Scotland, so Murray's knowledge of Brown's strengths could be put to good use when the Canberra supremo selects the man to quell the dashing Scot.

Heidelberg should find itself just one point away from top spot in the PSL after it clashes with Marconi at Marconi Stadium on Sunday.

Heidelberg stopped Don Macleod may be confronted by the tall, aggressive Bertie Mariani and the former Nottingham Forest defender won't be outdone by Mariani in the aggression stakes.

I'm a fan of Marconi's young winger Renato Licata but the youngster will find experienced Arthur McMillan an uncompromising foe. Indeed, Licata may find himself having to follow McMillan up the field whenever the Heidelberg right back takes off on the overlap.

Heidelberg has been falling down in midfield recently while Marconi seems to have unearthed a player of the future in 17 year



• Willie Conner

6. Murray (SC), 5. McGachey (WA), 4. Kosmina (SC), 3. Dunn (WA), 2. Spanos (SC), 1. Bruce (SC). HEIDELBERG-ALEXANDER 2 (Cole, Campbell) ADELAIDE CITY JUVENTUS 1 (Northcote) at Olympic Park. Votes by Craig Mackenzie:

6. Campbell (H), 5. Ferguson (AC), 4. Yankee (H), 3. Yzondoom (H), 2. Marocchi (AC), 1. Mitchell (AC). CANBERRA CITY 2 (Veleri, Brannan) BRISBANE LIONS 2 (Millman, Williamson) at Bruce Stadium. Votes by Peter Windar:

6. Brennan (C), 5. Ambrosino (C), 4. Hogg (BL), 3. Byrne (C), 2. Low (BL), 1. Millman (BL). BRISBANE CITY 3 (Kelsel, Conner, Carey) WOLLONGONG 1 (Fontaine) at Spencer Park. Votes by Ricky Rosso:

6. Conner (BC), 5. Tokesi (BC), 4. Bergogno (W), 3. Cotton (W), 2. McVeigh (BC), 1. Adam (W).

ST. GREGORY BUDAPEST 1 (Merton) SYDNEY OLYMPIC 2 (Koussas, K. Wilson) at St. George Stadium. Votes by Alex Vesic:

6. Soper (APIA), 5. Stevenson (SM), 4. BRADLEY (APIA), 3. G. Campbell (SM), 2. Burrows (APIA), 1. Egan (SM).

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Conner 59th, Carey 84th; Wol-
longong: Fontane 34th.
Ground: Spencer Park.
Crowd: About 2600.
Referee: Bill Monteverde 8.
Cautions: Cotton (W).
BRISBANE CITY: Wishart
7, McVeigh 7, Dunn 7, Tokes
8, Wilkinson 7, Pimblett 7,
Liddell 7, Bohan 7, Conner 8,
Kelso 7 (Hamilton, 70th),
Carey 7.

WOLLONGONG: Vardareff
6, Willis 6, Bertogna 8, Dun-
leavy 6, Ainsworth 6, Adam 7,
Fontane 7, Fleming 6, Cotton
7, Gaffney 6, Morlando 5 (Ken
63rd).

A training accident has put Brisbane City's former Socceroo fullback Steve Perry on crutches and out of the game for at least a month.

But stand-in fullback John McVeigh, a former midfielder-striker, has proved quite capable and was among the better players in City's far-from-convincing 3-1 win over Wollongong.

Perry chipped a bone in his ankle during a training game last Friday. City was playing a PSL v State League team trial when, two minutes from time, Perry went into a tackle with striker Barry Kelso, who was playing for the State Leaguers.

Perry's ankle swelled immediately and on Sunday he had plaster up to the knee. Perry said he would see a specialist this week but at the very best he did not expect to be training for a month.

Normally that would have been disastrous news for City as Perry is one of its most reliable players and although normally right back fills in along the backline when the need arises. Only two weeks ago in Melbourne he played sweeper for the suspended Dunn in City's match against Macedonia.

But McVeigh has proved a surprise package all weekend and is giving City a new facet of attack with his curling crosses from around the half-way line into the penalty box.

McVeigh, who last season was a fringe player mainly due to injury, was first pushed back into defence when Dunn was sent from the field by Lions three weeks ago.

He stayed in the position and looks to be improving with each game. He did little wrong in last weekend's clash with Wollongong but, to be honest, it was a game in which no-one tarnished or enhanced their reputations.

The only exception was skilful winger Willie Conner, who these days seems a ball of energy.

Conner was involved in all three City goals. His corner gave City its first, he scored the second and it was his brilliant through ball which put City on the road to its third.

Conner, whose close control is a delight to watch, rounded with ease the Wolves' defenders who repeatedly committed themselves too early and he was unlucky not to add more to the scoreheet.

City started the game with plenty of fire and big striker Kelso could have put the home side to a good early lead. But two good saves by Natch Vardareff kept Wollongong in the



Ricky Rosso

game and slowly the Wolves began mounting attacks on the City goal.

The prime instigator was centre forward Ray Cotton, who with Arno Bertogna and at times Lee Adam, looked the only Wollongong players who could hold their own in top team.

Cotton was willing to run back and forward across the width of the park looking for an opening and was finally rewarded in the 34th minute. He completely skinned Dunn and his good shot was parried by City keeper Kim Wishart across the goal for Glenn Fottani to slot home.

Amazingly several City defenders stood and appealed for offside as they watched Fottani race in and finish the move.

With that goal under their belt the Wolves should have at least gone home with a point because City was far from its best. But with Bertogna alone carrying the defence it was not surprising to see City equalise three minutes from halftime through Barry Kelso after loose marking of the men who set it up. Frank Pimblett and Bevan Bohan.

To their credit the Wolves had two good chances, one a good volley by Fontane which hit the crossbar, but after that they offered little in the way of winning determination.

After Conner got his goal in the 59th minute City had a period of concentrated attack with close chances being missed by Peter Carey, Frank Liddell and Pimblett and a delicate chip from Conner well-saved by Vardareff.

The only hint of any attack from Wollongong came through a cracking 30-metre drive from Adam which hit the crossbar but rebounded down and away.

When Bobby Hamilton came on for the flu-affected Kelso in the 70th minute he gave them the same width on the left that Conner had made on the right.

After several unsuccessful raids down the flank it seemed only a matter of time before City would get another. It finally came six minutes from time when Hamilton ran onto a superb ball from Conner and crossed perfectly for Carey to nod in.

It was City's first win of the season but one which it should not be too happy about. City was definitely not as good as the scoreline showed and much more effort and commitment is needed to recapture the sturdy form of last season.

As for Wollongong, coach Ken Morton considered his team was robbed and only needs a change of luck for the results to start coming.

On last Sunday's performance a heart transplant for at least six of his players would be in order. Bertogna must get sick of carrying them each week.



Jim Cant (extreme right) seals West Adelaide's fate by scoring Sydney City Hakoah's second goal at Hindmarsh Stadium on Sunday.

Marton's misses prove costly

St George 1
Sydney Olympic 2

Ground: St George Stadium

Scorers: Marton (St G),

Koussas, Wilson (SO).

Crowd: 3,340

Referee: Ken Small 7.

ST GEORGE: Fraser 9,

Skeen 7, R. O'Shea 7, Ratcliffe 9, R. O'Shea 7, Stone 8,

Barton 6, Griffith 7 (Loring 82), Davies 7, Wilkinson 6,

Marton 6.

OLYMPIC: Wilson 9,

Rogers 7, Zeras 8, Rowden 7,

Scott 8, Raskopoulos 8, Katholos 9, Redfern 7, Phillips 7,

Koussas 8, Jennings 8.

In a sparkling display of attacking football, Sydney Olympic downed hosts St George but had Saint's top marksmen been on target the result could have been quite different.

Olympic, not afraid to run forward, left itself open at the back on quite a few occasions and should have been punished but alas, Des Marton their star striker, had an off-day with his shooting boots, missing at least five good goal scoring chances.

To add to St George's frustrations, Peter Wilson in goal for Olympic was in superb form, making some great saves.

For those who might accuse me of bias I'd like to point out the facts of the game.

Marton had two early openings in the 10th and 16th minutes of the first half, with the second a mighty "sitter". Wilson came out, Marton lobbed him but lobbed the cross bar in the process.

Marcoussas had his first chance in the 25th minute but Fraser made a superb save, then only a minute later Griffith had his first opportunity to slot home a rebound, but again the ball was driven over the bar.

In the 27th minute Olympic had Saints beaten. Fraser made a despairing save at the feet of Koussas, the ball rebounded to Raskopoulos, but



his lob went past the post with Fraser well out of goal!

In the 30th minute it was Wilkinson's turn to err. Some good work by Stone provided Wilkinson with an easy chance, but his shot was weak and straight at Wilson.

With 11 minutes remaining in the half, Graham Jennings crossed from the right flank to Fraser well past the post with his first touch of the ball!

8th: Following a corner from the right hand side and a subsequent melee in the penalty area, Ratcliffe hit the cross bar.

88th: Katholos had a chance, but his pile-driver was superbly saved by Fraser.

89th: Katholos, in search of a goal, beat Fraser but the ball hit the underside of the bar and came out!

90th: As the crowd was leaving, Marton finally found the net, driving a rebound. He lobbed Wilson to make it 2-1 a minute later Wilson made another superb save, this time from Stone, then came the first of many missed by Marton.

Skene centred, Wilkinson headed down for Des Marton to face Wilson, but the ball was driven over the bar with the goal gaping wide open.

The game became a little rough midway through the second half, with Barton chopping down Raskopoulos, then Rowden making a tackle on Mike Fraser, after the Saints' keeper collected the ball. Jim Ziras was so incensed with Barton's tackle he decided to say a few words to him and promptly booked, then Michael O'Shea got a yellow card for a foul on Peter Katholos.

Loring, who replaced Griffith, combined with Wilkinson in the 82nd minute to provide Marton with yet another chance but the Saint (rarely) lost the ball in the mud.

The thrills and spills of the game became a little rough midway through the second half, with Barton chopping down Raskopoulos, then Rowden making a tackle on Mike Fraser, after the Saints' keeper collected the ball. Jim Ziras was so incensed with Barton's tackle he decided to say a few words to him and promptly booked, then Michael O'Shea got a yellow card for a foul on Peter Katholos.

At the other end, Mike Fraser had a super day and could not be blamed for the goals. Ratcliffe was the pick of the defenders, Stone the best in midfield while Marton, missed chances aside, did well to get into scoring positions.

last eight minutes were a delight to watch despite the near misses.

83rd: another sitter for Marton after Wilkinson pushed the ball through but yet again Marton hesitated, then tried to eat Ziras and the ball was lost.

84th: Peter Katholos sped down the right flank in a superb counter attacking move, then with O'Shea approaching, Katholos crossed for Ken Wilson to score with his first touch of the ball!

85th: Following a corner from the right hand side and a subsequent melee in the penalty area, Ratcliffe hit the cross bar.

86th: Katholos had a chance, but his pile-driver was superbly saved by Fraser.

87th: Katholos, in search of a goal, beat Fraser but the ball hit the underside of the bar and came out!

88th: As the crowd was leaving, Marton finally found the net, driving a rebound. He lobbed Wilson to make it 2-1 a minute later Wilson made another superb save, this time from Stone, then came the first of many missed by Marton.

To add to St George's frustration, Peter Wilson in goal for Olympic was in superb form, making some great saves.

For those who might accuse me of bias I'd like to point out the facts of the game.

Marton had two early openings in the 10th and 16th minutes of the first half, with the second a mighty "sitter". Wilson came out, Marton lobbed him but lobbed the cross bar in the process.

Marcoussas had his first chance in the 25th minute but Fraser made a superb save, then only a minute later Griffith had his first opportunity to slot home a rebound, but again the ball was driven over the bar.

In the 27th minute Olympic had Saints beaten. Fraser made a despairing save at the feet of Koussas, the ball rebounded to Raskopoulos, but

Super Soper revels in the rain

APIA Leich 3
S.M. Hellas 2

Scorers: Leichhardt: Soper 80th & 88th, Burrows 10th;
South Melbourne: Egan 53rd,
Buljevic 86th

Ground: Lambert Park

Crowd: 2,794 (rain).

Referee: J. Reeves 7 *

Cautions: Blair, Campbell

(SM), McAuland, Soper (APIA).

LEICHARDT: Woodhouse

8, Skellern 7, McAuland 8,

Pullen 7, Gurn 7, McAuland 8,

Morrison 7, Butler 7, Morsello

7, Soper, Burrows 8.

HELLAS: Laumets 7, Blair 7,

Shira 7, Jones 8, Xanthopoulos 7, Rogers 7, Stevenson

8, Davidson 7, Egan 8, Evans

(Buljevic 11th 7), Campbell 8.

A top class drama unfolded at Lambert Park whilst the Sydney skies proved they could outdo anything that Melbourne could muster in the way of rain.

The principal part was played by APIA Leichhardt's ex-National striker Marshall Soper, who netted the goal that edged his side ahead and later scored the winner.

The great strength of this player is that he can produce a performance as dismal as was Sydney's weather, turn around and punish Hellas with two great goals, then get carried off the field by wildly enthusiastic fans.

Earlier he had sliced balls away and hit the side-netting when goals were "on" but of course, it still took a potential star to get into the positions to have the shots.

And, to top it off, he was the recipient of referee Reeves' caution in the 86th minute.

It would be difficult to forget those Soper goals.

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similar pattern to the

second half it was little

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only could mutter after the game, "there is no justice in football."

In a sense however, there was justice, because the team that produced the match-winner won the game.

But then Margaritis had a bitter pill to swallow when Alan Evans struggled off with an 11th minute ankle injury. His replacement, Branko Buljevic, had an excellent match. Indeed he beat APIA right-back, Rod Skellern, to bring the score to 2-2 in the 86th minute from wee Georgie Campbell's cross.

Paul Burrows netted his first PSL goal for APIA when he took advantage of a miss by Laumets at the far post after Morsello had crossed and Soper had also missed with his shot.

The home side dominated the first half. South Melbourne Hellas kept lobbing balls ahead for its forwards, who either missed their connections or saw a tight APIA Leichhardt defence clear.

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Gary Ward slides past goalkeeper Dennis Boland to score Makedonia's winning goal. Picture by LES SHORROCK

ROCCO ILLE BACK FOR FOOTSCRAY?



Foots JUST 0
Makedonia 1

Scorer: Ward 70th
Venue: Schinlter Reserve
Crowd: 4910
Cautions: Boyle (Mak);
Simec (JUST)

Referee: Chris Bambridge 9

FOOTSCRAY J.U.S.T.:
Boland 8 — O'Reilly 7 — Stojcevski 8, Milne 8, Balic 7, Haze
about 8 — Iloski 8, Jovanovic 7 — Cozzella 7, (Vasic 62nd),
Simec 6, Ljubic 6.

PRESTON MAKEDONIA:
Wilson 7 — Petrovski 9,
Todorovski 7, McMillan 8, Fox
7 (Beach 62nd) — Flavelle 7,
Boyle 9, Whittle 9 — Ward 6,
Olerton 6, Brown.

With Claude Lucchesi and
Rob Cullen yet to return to the team,
Preston, Makedonia are the best challenge for a
place in the top four, provided
they can get another goalscorer.

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excellent form this season but he leaves in May with the New
Zealand World Cup squad, and won't be back until early July.

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Everything considered,
J.U.S.T. achieved somewhat
of a moral victory against
Makedonia, although it lost the
match and was beaten in general play.

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handicap of having to play
without its injured Jim Keay and
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Slobodan Jovanovic — battling
against overwhelming odds, as their Makedonia counter-

parts, Peter Boyle and Alan
Whittle supported by full back
Ljubomir Petrovski, played "out
of their skin."

Although Rasmir remains
caretaker coach of J.U.S.T.,
there was talk at the ground
that Rocco Ille may be called
back. Ille apparently works
with J.U.S.T. team manager
Robert Crtkovic and a
number of players, including
Milan Kojic and Zdravko
Ljubic.

An enthusiastic crowd of
almost 5000 turned up at
Schinlter Reserve to watch
this match in heat of over 30
degrees. Despite the hot conditions
however, some of the
players showed remarkable
energy.

Makedonia had most of the
midfield play, due to Boyle and
Whittle, but found it difficult
to get past the packed J.U.S.T.
defence.

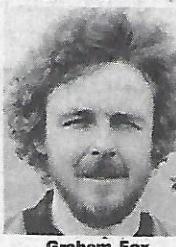
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He kicked badly the first
time, then he had a good shot
brilliantly saved by Wilson.

Similarly, Gary Ward
should have put Makedonia
ahead in the 51st minute, but
he missed kick at close range.

On the other hand, Ward
had a good chance to score
when he headed out of the air
before deflecting a good shot
by Flavelle over the top.



Graham Fox



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MARANGONI OFF, NEW MEN FOR BERGERS



Craig Mackenzie
Heidelberg 2
Adelaide C 1

Scorer: Cole, Campbell (H),
Northcote (AC).

Ground: Olympic Park.

Crowd: about 2500.

Caution: Paton (H), Manor (AC).

Sent off: Marangoni (AC).

HEIDELBERG ALEXANDER DER: Oliver 7 — McMillan 8, Yzendoorn 8, Macleod 7, Yarwood 9, McNamee 6, Taylor 6, Rooney 6 — Campbell 9, Peton 6, Cole 7.

ADELAIDE CITY JUVEN-TUS: Ferguson 9 — Russell 8, Flounders 8, Marocchi 8, Dods 7 — Manou 6 (Villani 73rd), Marangoni 7 (sent off 83rd), Metta 6, Nyskohus 7 — Northcote 7, Mitchell 8.

Two new faces, fresh from
the professional world of English
League Football, soon
could be seen in Heidelberg
colors.

Coach Len McKendry wouldn't name the pair, both
19, one a forward the other a
midfielder, but he confirmed
that he had been in touch with them
last week and that young stars were
keen to join Heidelberg.

Adelaide City's import,
former English youth sweeper
Neil Banfield, ex-Crystal Palace,
is due to arrive today (Wednesday) then "the books
will be closed," to use the words
of City coach Bob D'Ottavi.

The affable D'Ottavi, once
temper had cooled in the
after-match atmosphere, went
to talk to referee Jim Fearn
and was told that City's Italian
import Sergio Marangoni,
given his marching orders late
in the game, was sent off all
allegedly for spitting at Gary Cole.

Marangoni had different ideas.
I followed the dis-



Sergio Marangoni
— sent off

midfielder in Australia at present.

Campbell was here, there
and everywhere against Adelaide City.

The timing of his runs off
the ball were precise, his ability
to find space in the attacking
third uncanny, and his goal
touch is a big plus for the
Bergers this year.

Heidelberg City played with
four in midfield, trying to blank
Heidelberg in this area.

The tactic proved fairly successful,
more so from Heidelberg
giving the ball away far too easily.

"Our midfield was a problem,
but we must say that he kept the
scoreline tight when he parried a
stunning Campbell drive that
spread itself well at Cole's feet and recovered quickly enough to smother

Campbell who had followed up
well to pounce on the rebound.

Glen Dods, playing his first
game of the season with City,
was given a roasting by Campbell
in the second half.

That's no denigration of the
talent of Dods, just an accolade
for the best attacking

Adelaide City, with the addition
of Banfield, will keep its present
squad intact. Coach D'Ottavi ruled out the possibility
of a big name guest player coming to the club this
year.

"We fell down in midfield
against Heidelberg," said
D'Ottavi.

"With Banfield here and
once Bugsy Nyskohus gets over his injury I'll probably
push Dods into midfield.

"Believe it or not I have a team
to get into the top four of the Philips League. I think the results will start to come soon.

We played far better against
Heidelberg than we did against Newcastle the previous week.

"The second half of the
season should be very good for us.

"Heidelberg is a very good team.
They play good soccer. You know what they are going to do but it doesn't matter that much because they do it so effectively.

"Don't worry about Adelaide City. We will come good."

Brennan stars, Lions lucky

Canberra 2
Bris Lions 2



Peter Windsor

Scorer: Cole — Valeri, Brennan.
Bris Lions: BL — Millman, Williamson.

CANBERRA: Hoszowski 6,

Ambrosino 6, T. Byrne 6, Mi-

lovanovic 6, G. Byrne 7, Mac-

laughan 7, Stone 7, Valeri 7, Bran-

nan 8, Gibson 7.

BRISBANE: Lowndes 7,

Niven 7, Bennett 7, Tutt 7,

McSkinnings 7, Hogg 8,

MacLean 7, Williamson 7, Mil-

lman 8, Daunt 7 (Ferris 70th,

7), Low 7.

Referee: Bob Mee

Crowd: 2,250.

Caution: MacLean.

Canberra, for the second
week in a row, allowed defen-

sive lapses to rob them of
maximum points when Bris-

bane Lions grabbed an un-

deserved 2-2 draw at Bruce

Stadium last Sunday.

Canberra was so clearly the
better side.

Only in the 78th minute did
Brisbane lift themselves off
the ground after a Billy Williamson
free-kick had smashed against Canberra's crossbar.

In the 81st minute a long
clearance more by good luck than
good management found front-runner Ray Millman.

Millman took the chance
well although Canberra's goal-
keeper Steve Hoszowski perhaps
committed himself far too early for Millman to do
no more than chip the ball over
his head and into an empty net.

Still Canberra looked set to
take maximum points but Williamson
put paid to that just five minutes from the final whistle.

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after Kosmina's goal when Jim Cant swept up a loose
ball at a time when West's defence has lost concentra-

tion and slammed the ball into an open goal.

Murray the destroyer

West Adel. 0 Syd. City 2

Scorer: Kosmina 55th, Cant 60th

Ground: Hindmarsh Stadium

Crowd: 4,230

Weather: Warm

Referee: Ken Allen (Canberra) 7

WE ADOLESCIDE HELLAS: Crook 7 — McGregor

5, McGuire 8, Daunt 8, Tolakos 6, Doorne 7

Booth 6, Homeneyan 6 — Maneaces (Maricic 10th)

Syntac 7, Hayes 7.

SYDNEY CITY HAKOAH: Clarke 7 — Cant 7, Rob-

ertson 7, O'Connor 7, Bruce 7 — Petalas 7, Spence 8,

Daunt 7 — Watson 7 (Mullen 67th), Kosmina 8,

Murray 9.

Adrian Santosa had a goal disallowed in the fifth

minute when he hit an unstoppable shot past Todd

Clarke from 30 metres and five minutes later

Maneaces pulled a hamstring and left the field.

This further depleted West which started the game



Meno Toussidis

But worse was to come. Just 10 minutes
after half time, centre back Robbie Dunn
played a weak back pass to Martyn Crook and
John Kosmina pounced onto it and slammed it
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By
CRAIG
MACKENZIE

After all the ups and downs, Barton hits form and Marton benefits

St George's exciting young striker Mark Barton was on the brink of swapping a soccer ball for a surfboard until Frank Arok came along and gave Barton a chance to establish himself in the first team.

Now the Barton-Des Marton combination grows in stature as every PSL game passes. It wasn't always so.

"Displaying over 'big name' South American imports being given a chance ahead of him and a verbal clash with former coach Raul Blanco almost convinced Barton that Bondi beach was better than St. George Stadium."

But the St George club has been a home away from home for the boy who signed with the Saints when he was 14.

That was after a seven-year stint with local club Lakemba which started in the under 7's. An old bloke called "Pop" Gould set the groundwork for the development of Barton as a PSL player.

"There weren't many people around at the time who taught the basic skills of the game. 'Pop' taught me the basics and even now he comes along to some of the St George games to see how I'm getting on."

Lakemba played in the Canterbury District Leagues and Barton represented Canterbury District in the State championships. He wasn't keen on what he describes as "silly political problems to do with Lakemba".

That's a reference to representing Canterbury District in the State championships and having to stay at Orange, the championship venue, a week longer than expected.

"When we returned to Lakemba we were ac-

cused of trouting around the state because having to stay away an extra week meant that we missed out on an important league game."

"I wanted to get away. In those days the parents were always pushing their boys too much. In fact the parents ran the show at Lakemba."

"St George was a revelation."

"There were so many professional people there and the facilities were marvelous. Geoff Bird was my coach when I joined the St. George Juniors. He had a lot of faith in me and he kept me going until I was 16 and moved on into our Third Grade side. It took me about two years to establish myself in Third Grade."

"I had my first PSL game in 1977 again Western Suburbs. Since then I've had a smattering of games, a few more each year, but this really is the first year that I've established myself in the seniors."

The teenage Barton was surrounded by some of the most famous names in St George's history. The Schaefers and Warrens were there but the torch which glowed throughout the time when St George was the best team in Australia, had started to dim.

"The club didn't seem to be fully behind the team in the latter half of the 70's. Too many people were living on memories and the committee seemed to concentrate upon the building of its new stadium. The depth of the senior squad needed to be rebuilt but it wasn't," he says.

"Joe Vlasits, Ilija Takac, Joe Gelei and Raul Blanco were the first team coaches before Frank Arok took over."

"Vlasits had picked me in a junior State team earlier in my career. At the time he told me that I was playing schoolboy football. He must have thought I'd be improved a bit when he gave me a run in St. George's first team. He got good results with St. George and everyone respected him."

"I didn't have much to do with Takac. After the early games I couldn't get into the firsts. There were a couple of South Americans here, Carlos Mendez and Roberto Echeverria, and I felt uneasy about playing with them. To be honest, we younger guys didn't think that they put much effort into their game. They just wouldn't run for you."

"I became really downhearted. I was in the Second Grade team at the time and if it hadn't been for Tibor Zuckerman, our coach, I would have given the game away."

He encouraged me to stay. He said that I just have to do everything better to get into the first team. I'd even lost interest in training but Zuckerman kept at me, telling me that I have to keep going, that my chance would come again to prove myself."

The following season, 1980, was a body blow to the once mighty St. George. The club was relegated from the PSL into the NSW State League, the scene of St. George's greatest triumphs.

However, optimism ran high at the start of the 1980 season.

"Gelei was a Hungarian and the club had high hopes for him. But we still were relying too heavily on players who had been doing the job for too long. There was a

feeling among the players that they were on their own, especially when results were bad."

"Everyone tried to do the right thing by Gelei. We knew that he had a good understanding of football but he had a few language problems. Frankly, he found it hard to get his point across."

"Half-way through the season Blanco took over. I'll never forget the first night he held training."

"We had heard that he had set ideas about soccer and we knew that he had been very successful with Melita Eagles in the State League."

"He gave us a verbal hiding that first night. He told us that we were unfit and that he would get a shot-gun out and get rid of a lot of the players. That frightened some guys into performing."

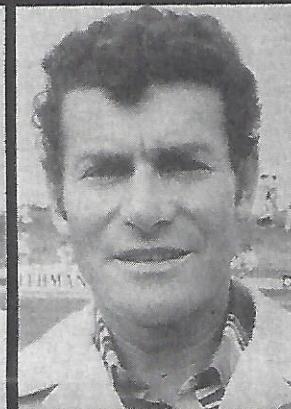
"I was one of the first to drop out of the seniors when Blanco came. He said that we needed experience and he told me



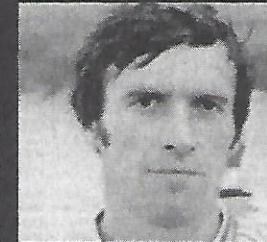
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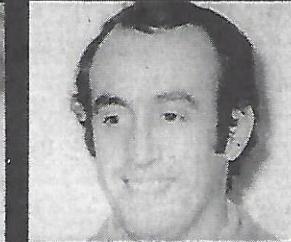
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Raul Blanco

that I was out of the first team squad."

"We had a few words with each other and he put me in the reserves for the rest of the season."

"When things went really bad Arok came."

"I'd have to say that Frank Arok probably is the best coach that I've played under. He knows what he wants and how to get it. He demands things from players, not asks. The big thing about Arok is that you know exactly where you stand with him."

"As soon as the game finished he's the nicest person you could meet but he can be like a demon during the game. Just the other night at training he said he was a madman when we were playing. At the game's end though, he's a gentleman."

When St George was relegated from the PSL most pundits predicted many years of ignominy ahead of the once famous Hungarian-sponsored club. They hadn't reckoned on the magic touch of Arok and the drive and enthusiasm of the committee.

"I think that being relegated was the best thing that could have happened to St. George."

Playing in the NSW State League gave me a

chance to build up my confidence and we developed a togetherness in the first team squad which still is with us. We got to know and appreciate Frank Arok last year and he hasn't really changed even though we now play in a much higher standard."

The quickness of opposing defences was what took me by surprise when we started playing this year in the PSL.

"For the first 10 minutes of our first game against Canberra I stood waiting for the ball to come to me but it was long gone by the time I stuck out my foot to control it. I thought, 'My God, what's happening here? But you soon adjust.'

Barton has done much more than merely adjust to PSL soccer. He's been something of a minor revelation to date, alongside goal machine Des Marton.

"As far as English goes Des and I have very little understanding. Don't get me wrong, though. If I don't deliver the ball to Des where he wants it he somehow finds the words to tell me what he thinks."

"A player of his class gives me a lot of confidence. His composure in front of goal is what impresses me most about him. I hope to

learn to be similarly composed."

"We are aiming to consolidate St. George as a PSL club. Secretly though I reckon the committee harbors top four ambitions."

"I'll be happy as long as we keep winning."

"There's no club in Australia to compare with St. George. I think that once I'm finished with St. George then I'll be finished with soccer."

"It's long been an ambition of mine to be club captain at St. George. Let's hope that I fulfill that ambition in years to come."

St. George may not win the 1982 PSL championship. It seems a trifle unrealistic to expect St. George's resurgence to reach its zenith in so short a time. Barton sees South Melbourne, Hellas, Sydney City and Heidelberg as the teams to beat this year.

"I fancy South Melbourne, a very strong and capable side, to do the job and win the title."

"APIA Leichhardt's riding high at the moment but I think they'll run out of steam quite quickly. They'll start to struggle."

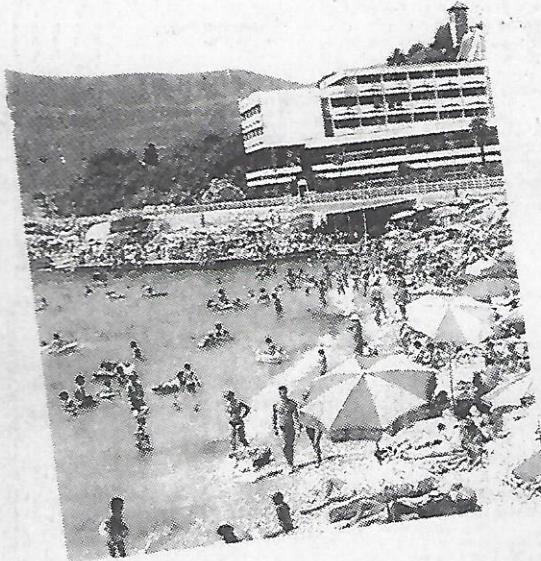
Meanwhile it's opposition defences that are struggling when confronted by the Barton-Marton duo.



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Mighty Melita, Yugal surprises

NSW State League with ALEX VESIC

Melita Eagles took the top spot in the NSW State League following their 5-1 win over JM United at Melita Stadium. It was the most impressive display by any side in the first round, and one which should certainly sound a word of warning to other contenders for the NSW title.

Blacktown Demons suffered a setback in the opening minutes of the game at the Gabble, but came back to win comfortably, while Croatia survived some anxious first half moments before going past Avala with two second half goals at King Tomislav stadium.

Sutherland took two points at Francis Park with a 2-0 scoreline. It was a happy return for Peter Beggs to Sutherland who scored the first goal and was the tormentor of the Auburn defence throughout the game.

Manly defeated Polonia 3-0, but had it taken its chances the result might have been embarrassing one for the visitors to Cremier Park. At the other end of the scale, it was hard to fight hard to keep one point against a spirited Rockdale Ilinden, while Yugal surprised all and sundry by reversing a recent 2-0 defeat at the hands of Riverwood to run out 3-2 winners.

It was the only surprise result of the round and one which should serve notice to other State League clubs — Yugal has no intention of walking back to First Division as quickly as they came in.

Sutherland 2 Auburn 0

Scorers: Beggs, Bush.
AUBURN: Vernon, Mainwaring, Bally, Promejia, Sullivan, (Hardwick 36), McDonald, Quigley, Dale, Grieves, Turner (Pondokas 79), Carney.

SUTHERLAND: Haynes, Hesford, Scherfeger, Cashman, Harrington, Groomer, Watkins, Meades, Beggs, T. Bush (Murphy 40), C. Rogers.

Peter Beggs returned to "root" at his old stamping ground and took only 15 minutes to tell his team mates that he was back, as good as ever, with his shooting boots on.

He was on the end of a great Sutherland move to blast the ball past Vernon for Sutherland's opening goal, then proceeded to torment the opposition throughout this encounter at Francis Park.

Tony Bush made certain of the two points, scoring in the dying seconds of the first half. At the other end of the field, Mal Haynes had another great game to keep the Auburn forwards out.

He stuck his big foot in the path of a shot by Turner, then made another great save from Dale. It was no surprise to hear that "this guy is too big to be allowed in goal" from an irate Auburn fan, as the crowd was leaving the park.

Haynes apart, Sutherland had the best in Peter Beggs and Tony Bush, while Quigley and Grieves had good games for Auburn.

Canterbury 1 Rockdale 1

Scorers, Cant: Theodorakopoulos; **Rock:** Sultana.

CANTERBURY: Elstein, Psevdokonoumou, Tilitis, Lane, Miokovic, Anagnosopoulos, Bestefaster, Vassiliou, Arnold, Brown, Theodorakopoulos, (Sinos).

ROCKDALE ILINDEN: Katsopoulos, Matheson, O'Rourke, Graham, Martin, Lovicki, Trajanovski, Tontoski, Sultana, A. Botsicco, Michael.

Rockdale Ilinden, beaten out by the age group Yugal (4-1) in a friendly at Bankstown Park, was written off as a chance in its match against Canterbury, yet at the end of this game at Arlington Oval it was the Berries who must consider themselves lucky to get away with a point.

**BLACKTOWN 3
Bankstown 1**

Scorers, Black: Salvage, Wheatley, Kirwan; **Banks:** Giligan.

BLACKTOWN DEMONS: James, Wheatley, Quarmby, Brogan, Pointer, Salvage, Houssine, Kratic, (Rasmussen 64), Johnson (Schonfing 78), Johnson, Kirwan.

BANKSTOWN CITY: Lohman, Blackburn, Rootsey, Johnson, Radovic (46) Paul Jones, Willard, Dutton, Drain, Street, Nocera, Gilligan.

Mike Johnson, the Banks town coach, came out of retirement for this opening match of the 1982, to play in a defensive role, but could not help his team from going to Rale Rasic's Demons at the Gabble Stadium.

**YUGAL 3
Riverwood 2**

Scorers, Yugal: Michelovic, 2, Rodas, Riverwood: Jones, Tracey.

YUGAL: Berry, Rendell, Currie, McNamee, Clark (Scammon), Aspinwall, Bereska (McGrath), Michelovic, Rodas, Rokotowski, Tenczel.

RIVERWOOD: Lachowicz, Berry, Dobson, Butcher, Smith, Kumsuz, Parker, Tracy, Murray, Stoddart, Jones.

In fact, Johnson replaced himself half time when the scoreline read Blacktown 3, Bankstown 1, but no further scoring took place in the second half as Blacktown sauntered through the second half with very little enthusiasm.

Bret Gilligan shot Bankstown into a surprise lead after only six minutes, but Paul Kirwan equalised for the Demons in the 18th. Robert Wheatley, the young Soccerroo, scored a great goal in the 27th minute, picking up the ball some 25 metres from goal then unleashed a superb drive which almost tore out the net.

Steve Salvage scored at the end of a fine move by the Demons in the 34th minute to make it 3-1 and secure the first points for the season.

**Manly 3
Polonia 0**

Scorers: R. Stuart 2, Regan.

Manly: Ellis, K. Falconer, Doyle, Dick, Googhegan, Noble, Jack, P. Falconer, Smith, 75', Chapman, Regan, Stuart.

POLONIA: Kielowski, Farkas, Brzostowski, Gross, Gales, Gajewski, Divant, Sokec, Vanelinski, Dzikow, (Foster 62).

J. M. UNITED: Caputto, Kawamura, De Angelos, Santolin, Mitchell, Googhegan, Leitch, Taylor (Bordynski), Link, Jones, Doherty.

Manly Warrington continued its sparkling pre-season form to easily defeat Polonia at Cremier Park by 3-0.

Polonia managed to keep an "even keel" for the first 20



Avala: standing from left: Steve Lalic (coach), Wotton, Vujinovic, Brizuela, Barton, Lembray, Milne, G. Fernandez.
Front row: S. Deller, Djuricic, Aherns, Gogic, Nedic, Kodor.
Not in the picture: Patterson and Williams.

Yugal returned to the State League of NSW with a first-up win over Riverwood at Concord largely due to some good shooting by stalwart Tony Michelovic.

Following Terry Jones's goal (straight from a corner kick), Yugal came back to equalise through Michelovic. As Lachowicz came out to meet the Yugal forward, Michelovic neatly bent the ball around the keeper to find the net.

Michelovic put Yugal ahead after 10 minutes of the second half following a wonderful goal from the corner kick, but Soddart levelled from a well-taken penalty.

However Yugal was not to be denied and came back to snatch a winner through an enterprising Patrick Rodas in the 70th minute.

**Manly 3
J.M. United 1**

Scorers: R. Stuart 2, Regan.

Manly: Ellis, K. Falconer, Doyle, Dick, Googhegan, Noble, Jack, P. Falconer, Smith, 75', Chapman, Regan, Stuart.

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minutes, but from then on Manly showed far more creativity and far more shooting power.

Yugal broke through on the right flank to score in the 32nd minute, then repeated the dose in the 37th after Kalinowski managed to block a shot by Terry Smith.

Soon after the start of the second half Manly went further ahead through Regan. Doyle jumped high to head down for Regan and the shot followed to have Kalinowski block it again.

Polonia came back after the goal for a short period but the next 20 minutes were dominated again by Manly. Only Gajewski and Kalinowski stood between Manly and a crashing win, with Kalinowski certainly the man responsible for making the scoreline respectable.

**Melita 5
J.M. United 1**

Scorers: Melita: Williams, Farrugia, Vial, Budini, Allan; JM: Jones.

MELITA: Luxford, McCay, Cabon, Daley, J. Bottalico, Farrugia, Williams, Cross, Allan, Jamieson, Vial (Boudini 62).

J. M. UNITED: Caputto, Kawamura, De Angelos, Santolin, Mitchell, Googhegan, Leitch, Taylor (Bordynski), Link, Jones, Doherty.

Melita eagles played some scintillating stuff at Melita Stadium to completely demolish J. M. United at Melita Stadium.

Melita's form in recent Ampol Cup games was somewhat short of expectations thus the anxiety in the Melita camp before this match, but goals for Williams, Farrugia and Vial soon raised all the doubt about Melita's intentions for 1982.

Ray Boudini replaced Vial in the 82nd minute and with his first touch of the ball scored to make it 4-1, then Don Allan chimed in to complete the scoreline.

Jones scored for J. M. United.

Croatia 2 Avala 0

Scorers: Pegan, Trenter.
AVALA: Ahrens, Fernandez, Delon, Barton, Gogic, Djuricic, Nedic, (Kodor), Patterson, Lembray, Vujinovic (Milne), Karanfilovski.

Two second half goals enabled Croatia to defeat Avala before the best soccer crowd of the day at King Tomislav Park.

Some 4500 people braved the rain to watch this local derby and they were rewarded with a pretty good show. Avala missed some early chances through Karanfilovski and Lembray then conceded two goals after some simple defensive errors.

Pegan and Trenter gave this large crowd a lot to smile about and show that despite a loss of a coach and a few key players Croatia still is in the hunt for another State League title.

Santrac hat-trick, Italians to clash

**WEST ADELAIDE 4 (Santrac 5th,
25th, 76th, Menaces 55th) PARA HILLS
1 (Mitchell 32nd)**

**CROATIA 4 (Peleks 15th, Herd 27th,
Lesan 32nd, Blote 75th) NOARLUNGA I
(Sullivan 52nd)**

Adrian Santrac completed his hat-trick with four minutes left (the 50th goal of the competition) against Para Hills to send West Adelaide into tonight's (Wednesday's) Ampol Cup semi-final against Croatia at Adelaide's Hindmarsh Stadium.

West overpowered Para Hills 4-1 which was just enough to edge out Beograd on goal difference in second place in group B.

Meanwhile, Adelaide City Juventus takes on Azurri in the all-Italian semi-final in the late game at Hindmarsh tonight.

West Adelaide needed a minimum three-goal winning margin against Para Hills to have any hope of qualifying for tonight's semi-finals.

Aian Vest's men are improving in every match and with last Sunday's Sydney City match under their belts, Croatia's involvement in the Cup should come to an abrupt halt.

In the late game, Adelaide City will find Azurri a determined opponent.

By MENO TOUTSIDIS

If City can not shake off its recent poor form, Azurri could upset it.

However, David Mitchell's skill, pace and aggression should frighten the life out of Azurri's defence which will know has been in a match.

| GROUP A | P | W | D | L | F | A | PTS |
|---------------|---|---|---|---|----|---|-----|
| Croatia | 3 | 3 | 0 | 1 | 11 | 4 | 6 |
| Adelaide City | 3 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 12 | 6 | 4 |
| Port Adelaide | 3 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 6 | 9 | 2 |
| Noarlunga | 3 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 3 | 9 | 0 |

| GROUP B | P | W | D | L | F | A | PTS |
|------------|---|---|---|---|---|----|-----|
| Azzuri | 3 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 6 | 2 | 4 |
| West Adel. | 3 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 6 | 3 | 4 |
| Beograd | 3 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 5 | 2 | 4 |
| Para Hills | 3 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 1 | 11 | 0 |

| SCORERS | 4 - Marocchi (Adel City) 3 - Sancilio (West Adel), Pejicic (Azzuri), Cagolino, Blote (Croatia Northcote), Villani (Adel City) 2 - Calandris, Konstadopoulos (Port), Sullivan (Noarlunga), Araxine (Beograd) 1 - Hayes, Branwell, Hayes (West Adel), Lesan, papalas, Gajewski (Azzuri), Ravich (Croatia), Marinkovic, Mykuchus (Adel City), Laane, Evans, Zbaya (Beograd), Foy, Dunn (Noarlunga), Smith, Manolov, Francis (Azzuri), Panagis, Morris (Port). |
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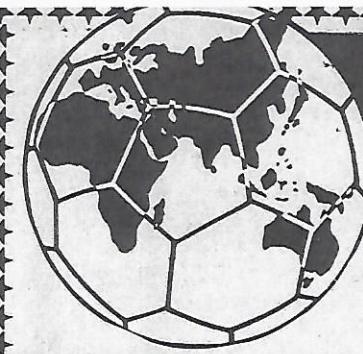
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|------------------|-----------------|--------------------------------------|---|---|------------------|---------------|--------------------------------|-------------------|------------------|----------------|-----------------------------|---------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Algeria | 780 | 14 | 2,607 | — | 58,567 | 58,567 | 48 | 1,058 | 1,098 | 18,000,000 | 2,500,000 | 80,000 | |
| Argentina | 3,035 | 975 | 17,474 | 65,706 | 240,658 | 306,365 | 1,021 | 3,472 | 4,484 | 27,000,000 | 3,500,000 | — | |
| Austria | 1,971 | 10 | 8,222 | 780 | 286,220 | 287,000 | 93 | 1,300 | 1,893 | 7,457,000 | 1,614,000 | 69,996 | |
| Belgium | 3,320 | 18 | 14,400 | 1,074 | 282,886 | 283,900 | 7 | 6,653 | 6,660 | 9,863,374 | 1,000,221 | 62,000 | |
| Brazil | 12,877 | 213 | 30,631 | 15,376 | 535,982 | 551,358 | 325 | 4,300 | 5,125 | 119,051,500 | 1,176,800 | 200,000 | |
| Cameroon | 200 | 16 | 264 | — | 9,328 | 9,328 | 48 | 400 | 448 | 7,081,000 | 280,000 | 50,000 | |
| Chile | 4,598 | 16 | 18,900 | 694 | 609,030 | 609,724 | 14 | 5,734 | 5,748 | 11,294,088 | 4,372,711 | 74,159 | |
| Czechoslovakia | 5,919 | 16 | 5,366 | — | 541,379 | 541,379 | 646 | 9,688 | 10,332 | 16,000,000 | 1,200,000 | 60,000 | |
| England | 40,000 | 22 | 40,000 | 5,000 | 1,545,000 | 1,500,000 | 5,000 | 25,000 | 30,000 | 56,000,000 | 8,000,000 | 100,000 | |
| France | 20,938 | 21 | 52,000 | 832 | 1,429,847 | 1,430,679 | 89 | 18,843 | 18,912 | 52,000,000 | 2,317,227 | 50,000 | |
| Germany FR | 18,987 | 18 | 125,046 | 732 | 4,402,879 | 4,403,411 | 116 | 57,624 | 57,740 | 63,300,000 | 285,000 | — | |
| Honduras | 550 | 100 | 550 | 1,800 | 13,500 | 15,300 | 70 | 460 | 530 | 4,000,000 | 600,000 | 50,000 | |
| Hungary | 2,503 | 18 | 5,424 | — | 143,675 | 143,675 | 70 | 4,600 | 4,670 | 10,713,000 | 2,064,000 | 70,000 | |
| Northern Ireland | 1,555 | 12 | 1,145 | 258 | 23,900 | 24,458 | 16 | 406 | 422 | 1,547,300 | 345,800 | 50,000 | |
| Italy | 19,084 | 16 | 30,618 | 23,383 | 998,647 | 1,022,030 | 156 | 15,072 | 15,227 | 54,134,846 | 3,500,000 | 90,000 | |
| Kuwait | 14 | 14 | 28 | — | 1,526 | 1,526 | 5 | 53 | 58 | 1,400,000 | 250,000 | — | |
| New Zealand | 312 | 12 | 3,098 | 102 | 52,867 | 52,969 | 14 | 500 | 514 | 2,788,123 | 300,000 | — | |
| Peru | 10,000 | 16 | 10,800 | 650 | 325,000 | 325,850 | 6 | 4,220 | 4,228 | 18,500,000 | 4,500,000 | 45,000 | |
| Poland | 5,334 | 16 | 11,343 | — | 234,052 | 234,052 | 81 | 7,244 | 7,325 | 36,000,000 | 1,600,000 | 87,000 | |
| El Salvador | 944 | 12 | 851 | 2,775 | 18,519 | 21,294 | 34 | 522 | 556 | 4,850,000 | 630,000 | 60,000 | |
| Scotland | 5,479 | 10 | 10,000 | 4,000 | 126,000 | 130,000 | 193 | 1,510 | 1,703 | 5,200,000 | 485,429 | 88,000 | |
| Spain | 7,581 | 18 | 7,581 | 2,309 | 318,083 | 318,392 | 512 | 5,441 | 5,953 | 35,400,000 | 3,612,000 | — | |
| USSR | 51,299 | 16 | 199 | — | 4,372,000 | 4,372,000 | 360 | 153,200 | 153,550 | 266,560,000 | 8,100,000 | 100,000 | |
| Yugoslavia | 4,289 | 18 | 10,755 | 963 | 229,442 | 230,406 | 500 | 9,667 | 10,167 | 22,352,000 | 1,350,000 | — | |

Mundial credentials Masny stays home

Czechoslovakia included a number of newcomers in its touring party of 19 players which played Argentina and Brazil in South America. Experienced players such as Vojacek, Bilicova and Masny have been left at home. The Czechs, who are in the same World Cup group as England, France and Kuwait, played Brazil in Sao Paulo, and Argentina in Buenos Aires last week.

Bordeaux is the new leader in France by one point from St Etienne. Bordeaux, boasting such internationals as Tiganza, Tresor, Giresse and Lacombe, beat Tours 2-1. Tiganza scored with a long range effort from 30 metres while Kourichi, the Algerian international, scored the winner with a header. St Etienne led Lille 1-0 after Platini scored early in the second half but Muslin got a late equaliser for Lille. Monaco is level with St Etienne on points after beating Valenciennes 3-1.

Juventus leads the Italian league on goals difference from Fiorentina. Juventus beat Cagliari 1-0 with a goal by Tardelli. Dino Zoff celebrated his 40th birthday by keeping a clean sheet in this match. Fiorentina defeated Avellino 2-1, one of its scorers being the Argentine international, Daniel Bertoni.

PSV Eindhoven still leads Ajax in Holland. Alkmaar got a real shock, however, when it was beaten 4-1 by Go Ahead Eagles of Deventer.

In the Jawaharlal Nehru Gold Cup series being played in Calcutta, India, the home team beat Yugoslavia 2-1 while Uruguay beat Italy 3-2 to reach the final.

Bayern Munich leads in West Germany from Borussia Moenchengladbach. Hamburg and Cologne are behind in third and fourth places respectively. Bayern defeated Eintracht Braunschweig 3-1, Borussia Moenchengladbach surprisingly lost at home 1-0 to Borussia Dortmund, and Hamburg beat Eintracht Frankfurt 2-0 two weeks ago.

Poland will play Belgium in a World Cup warm-up match on April 25th.

— WALTER PLESS

ENGLISH CRISIS GETS WORSE, CRUYFF BACK FOR HOLLAND?

Hard on the heels of the Bristol City crisis six weeks ago when eight first team players accepted redundancy rather than see the club with over \$2.5 million in debts fold immediately, the extravagant spending and astronomical debts have caught up with another two English League sides that have been offered for sale — lock, stock and barrel.

Hull City, losing around \$17,000 a week and with staggering debts of \$1.3 mil. is in the hands of the receiver and up for sale while the latest SOS comes from Halifax. Transfer lists all 17 professionals and also offered the club for sale. Another crying wolf is Plymouth Argyle, who are in financial difficulties and are looking for a new owner. The club has been offered for sale by a set of new directors in October.

Hull's manager is Mike Smith, former national manager of Wales, who is reported to be offered a new contract by Plymouth. Argyle's manager is Alan Ball, who has been offered a new contract by the club.

The Yorkshire club, which tumbled from the Second Division to the Fourth Division in three years, once pulled in 55,000 fans at its Boothferry Park, Glasgow on March 24. Cruyff, back with Ajax, last played for Holland in the World Cup in Argentina in 1978. He was on the losing side against Scotland then.

Halifax Town which has had to be re-elected to both the Third and Fourth divisions many times, has been kept going with \$130,000 in hand-outs from its wealthy chairman Sam Rorke who now says he will continue to pay its \$750,000 a week wage bill and exes for other clubs this week.

Another Yorkshire side, it too is on the market for any bidder and has been getting gates of little over 1500 but in 1983 pulled in 36,885 when it played Spurs at Shay Ground in the FA Cup.

Plymouth Argyle which has been in the Second Division and is managed by former Newcastle and Scotland defender Bob Moncur, is only

managing to attract home gates of less than 5000 yet in 1986 it had 43,596 for its Second Division match with Aston Villa. Argyle is to try to cut its professional staff from 23 to 16 immediately.

Many other clubs are in similar plight to Bristol City, Hull City, Halifax Town and Plymouth Argyle and as I predicted some time ago, some of the clubs may not figure on the league fixture lists for season 1982/83.

For the Football League, the Pool Promoters and the PFA have made it abundantly clear they won't be bailing out anyone suffering from self-inflicted injuries.

For 115 years Queens Park, the Scottish First Division side, has proudly retained its amateur status. But it does have a new owner in books at present in the person of 19-year-old central defender John McGregor. John is a sales rep for the Queens Park lottery.

Arsenal has promised a trial to 16-year-old Mark Boyd who lives in Australia and went down under with his parents when he was eight years old.

The Football League in England is planning to splash out \$9 million in a massive publicity campaign aimed at seeing a major increase in attendances next season.

John Cruyff may be asked to make a comeback for Holland in its friendly against Scotland at Hampden Park, Glasgow on March 24. Cruyff, back with Ajax, last played for Holland in the World Cup in Argentina in 1978. He was on the losing side against Scotland then.

Alan Ball, 36, the former England striker still playing great football for Southampton, has passed his 700th league game in English soccer and becomes only the 10th member of the 700 Club.

Jim McLean, Scotland's highest paid manager, has signed a contract with his club, Dundee United, which will tie him down for the rest of his career. McLean, a former top player who has made Dundee United a respected name in European soccer, becomes managing-director of the club.

Billy Bremner, 39, and man-

From JIM COOK
our European correspondent

whose chief Ian Greaves recently took over with Wolves.

The National Dairy Council is to pour \$4 million sponsorship into the Football League Cup over the next four years.

John Toshack's Swansea City, determined to keep up its challenge for the First Division title, has signed Crystal Palace striker and Welsh international star Ian Walsh for an undisclosed six figure fee.

Reports suggest that some of Scotland's top clubs are ready to rebel and form their own breakaway league after recent failures to bring in a new structure. Sparks could fly at the Scottish League AGM.

Willie Donachie, the former Manchester City and Scotland defender who joined Norwich City five months ago from Portland Timbers in America, has rejoined the AS Roma for the same fee. And Willie Johnston, the former Scotland winger of Argentine fame, has been given a free transfer by Glasgow Rangers on condition he joins an American club. Johnston, now 35, hasn't played in the Rangers first team this year and is likely to rejoin Vancouver Whitecaps.

Talk is of UEFA organising a European competition for the ladies soccer sides. In England some 250 teams in 18 leagues play off on Sundays.

IT'S COLO COLO

COLO COLO won the 1981 Chilean first division title for the 13th time, but did it by just the two bonus points obtained by winning a pre-season tournament.

When Colo Colo, as a matter of fact, won a match more to finish with a 20-6 record than against the champions' 19-8-3, both teams thus totalling 46 points in actual league play.

Colo Colo however finished as leading scorers with 63 goals — an average of over two per game in 30 — and the best defence with 22 goals against. Cobreloa were the defending champions who had been runners-up the year before (1979) when Colo Colo won the title, which shows the recent dominance of Chilean soccer by these two clubs.

Colo Colo virtually lost their chance two weeks from the end when they went down 2-0 to Colo Colo in front of 71,000 fans at Santiago's national stadium with Carlos Cazaly — who finished up as league top scorer with 20 goals — netting one in each half, the first from a penalty. Although their chances were then revived when Colo Colo lost to relegation threatened O'Higgins, the champions clinched it with a 3-1 win on the last day over Palestino, another team in trouble.

Teams which finished from second to fifth will now, as usual, play off for entries to the Libertadores Cup and Colo Colo. The four outsiders were Cobreloa, who were the players of the University of Chile, Union Española and Naval. The bottom four are relegated automatically — Nublense, San Luis, Everton and Concepcion (all from the provinces) — while the two above them (Iquique and Palestino) will play off with two teams from the second division (3rd and 4th) with two staying up.

The Chilean FA had also previously decided that the Santiago team with fewest points over the last three seasons — in this case Palestino — must be relegated or join up with another club to stay up. This is an economic measure designed to reduce the number of clubs in the capital and improve gates for the remaining ones.

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Rudi Gutendorf's 'expert' views on South America

\$20 for sex made Carlos play better!

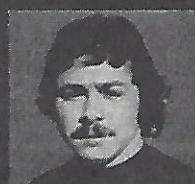
Diego Maradona and Karl-Heinz Rummenigge will be the stars of the World Cup in Spain ... West Germany isn't as strong as everyone seems to think ... and Carlos Cazzely can do big things for Chile providing he gets his usual ration of sex.

These are some of the thoughts of Rudi Gutendorf, former coach of the Socceroos and now coach of Cameroon, one of the 24 finalists.

Gutendorf, writing in the West German magazine "Sport," set himself up as an expert on South American soccer, by virtue of his coaching experience in Chile and Peru.

He was national coach for Chile for two and a half years before the 1974 World Cup finals and explains that his overthrow coincided with that of his friend, Chilean president Salvador Allende.

"I am not convinced," he says, "that Jupp Derwall's German team is



Carlos Cazzely
capable of an easy victory over Chile."

"South American conditions exist in Spain," he points out. "The climate and the surroundings will suit the South Americans."

"Also, the Chileans have the best coaching school in South America — my old school! And they are incredibly well-dispatched."

"Derwall must watch them closely and I hope he learns something. Elias Figueras, for example, He's all class!"

"And Carlos Cazzely, who I included in the Chilean team as a 17-year-old. You remember Cazzely — he was sent off the field against West Germany during the 1974 World Cup after kicking Berti Vogts.

"I remember Cazzely particularly. He was a very wild boy. Because of the threat of La Dolce Vita, I put all the boys into a training camp before one of the international matches."

"Cazzely however, would not let up. 'Coach, I need \$20 for a girl,' he told me. Did I tell him off? But then the team captain came to see me and succeeded in changing my mind."

"So Cazzely got his \$20 for a girl."

"The next day we won 2-1 — both goals were scored by Cazzely."

"Real men! So too are the Brazilians and Argentinians."

"The Argentinians are also tough guys — hard as leather."

"During one game, in which we led 3-0, they handed out uppercuts galore. Could they brawl? 'Los Machos,' that's what they call them over there. It means 'men with balls.'

"And they can sure play. Menotti makes sure of that. He's a Superman, and he again has a fantastic squad. His guarantee for success are the experienced older players.

Then there's Maradona absolute world class. He and Rummenigge of Germany will be the top stars of the World Cup."

Then Gutendorf turns his attention to the Brazilians.

"Their strength is their playing system. Instead of using a sweeper, they dare to rely simply on a four-man wall which manages to confront each opposing forward with two men. And it also means that they have one extra man in attack. Remember how helpless Germany looked against Brazil in the mini-World Cup? A top team never should capitulate so easily."

"But then the German national team is like Hamburger SV — super in attack, but look out if the play goes the other way!"

"Defending correctly is an art. The best defensive system is the one I used as MSV. No Derwall, no Schoen, no Herberger had thought about such a system. That's why they dubbed me 'Riegel-Rudi'." (The word 'Riegel' refers to defence).

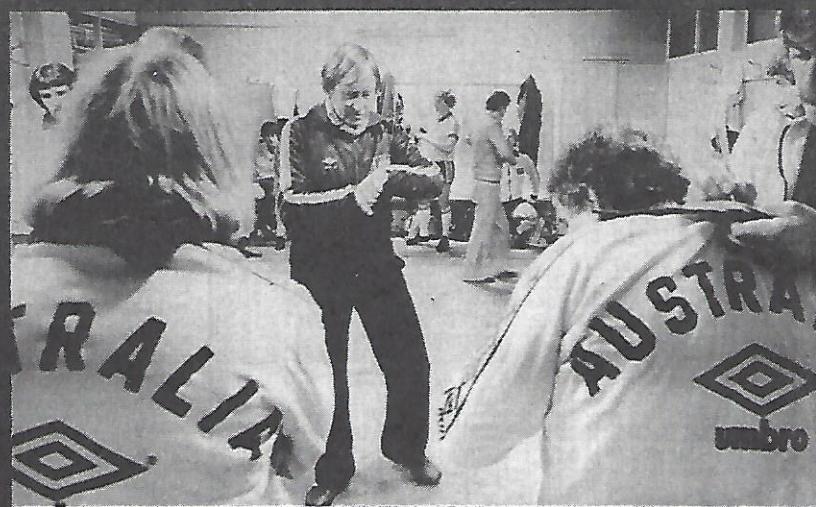
Gutendorf concludes by saying he does not think very highly of the West German team. "We are not stronger than, for example, Argentina," he says.

"Argentina, together with Brazil, are my favorites for the World Cup. Of course, I expect

that Germany will reach the last four — for if they don't, it will be scandalous. If you have the strongest league in the world, you simply have to reach the top four. The failure of 1978 must not repeat itself.

"But remember my warning about Chile. They are certainly stronger than Austria and they will reach the last eight. Even more is expected of Peru by their fans. If they don't reach the semi-finals, they will be abused on the streets back home."

"And for Argentina and Brazil, the finals would be their minimum achievement."



Rudi Gutendorf checks his watch before one of the Socceroos' matches last year.

Starving urchin now Zico the invincible

By PAUL MOON

A year ago it appeared that the 1982 World Cup inevitably would provide an appropriate stage for Diego Maradona to confirm his status as the world's number one player.

During the past 12 months however Brazil's Zico has emerged, at 29 years of age and after countless setbacks, as a legitimate contender for the title following a series of exhilarating performances for both his country and Flamengo, the current Inter-Continental club champion.

Born Artur Antunes Coimbra in the Quintino Bocaiuva district of Rio, Zico, reared in a football obsessed environment, his father having been a goalkeeper with the popular Vasco da Gama club, while two of his four brothers also played soccer at professional level.

It was his elder sister however who first gave him the nickname Zico, which has survived from the evenings when she searched local backstreets and beaches for the urchin, one among thousands pursuing rag balls in dozens of disorderly games, which are a permanent feature of the Brazilian urban landscape.

In common with virtually all South America's footballing greats, Zico grew up in poverty and presented a heart-rending picture when, at 15 years of age, he attended a trial with Flamengo.

It was obvious that the youngster was blessed with remarkable skills, yet was far too feeble to withstand the challenges of professional football.

Flamengo decided to take a gamble. Zico was put on a body-building programme. Vitamin pills were pumped into him, weight training became a daily ritual and, for the first time, meat was introduced to his diet.

The treatment worked wonders and, although not a Charles Atlas look-alike, he was able to withstand the attentions of the most rugged defenders in Rio's youth leagues.

And affection he was soon getting in abundance, for his first 20 games produced 27 goals.

At 18 years of age, Zico was elevated to the first team, only to flop badly, simply not yet being ready for the higher grade.

Another season in the youth side, which brought 20 goals from 22 games, not only restored confidence, but gave his game an extra dimension in experience and sophistication.

Brazil selected him for its Olympic combination and a scintillating performance against Colombia convinced everybody watching that a new star was in the making.

Restored to Flamengo's first team, Zico quickly adapted to the senior level this second time around and spearheaded its Rio League success of 1974, a feat it was to repeat during the two following seasons.

The Brazilian press proclaimed him as the "New Pele". Out-siders were sceptical as the Rio newspapers discover new Peles with the frequency that Sydney cricket journalists found new Bradman's in the late 1890's.

Despite much lobbying on his behalf, the Flamengo star was omitted from Brazil's 1974 World Cup squad and did not don the yellow and blue until two years later and celebrated by hitting the winner against Uruguay.

The following season he claimed four against Bolivia and on the domestic scene became the first player to score six at the Maracana Stadium.

By this time Brazilian soccer fans were convinced that Zico would power their team to a successful assault on the World Cup in Argentina. Unfortunately the burden placed upon him was too heavy.

The opening match against Sweden ended in turmoil when it was realised that Welsh referee Clive Thomas had disallowed Zico's headed "winner", as the ball crossed the goal line a fraction of a second after the final whistle had sounded.



Zico

Diego Maradona

That incident epitomised a wretched campaign. Totally unable to produce his best form, he wandered ineffectively in and out of games until a rugged Polish tackle ended his involvement in that Mundial.

At least the injury gave him a three-month respite from the perpetual whirlpool of Brazilian soccer. Out of the limelight he was able to recharge both his physical and mental batteries.

Confidence and appetite for the game now restored, and the World Cup nightmare behind him, Zico was back to his prolific scoring best.

It wasn't until last year though that Europe saw the real Zico. It was he who masterminded Brazil's clean sweep of England, West Germany and France, scoring his 500th senior goal in Paris.

The Brazilians were immediately installed as World Cup favorites.

Flamengo was prospering too. The Rio League, Brazilian Championship, Libertadores cup and Inter-Continental Cup are all installed in the clubs trophy room.

Against Chile's Cobrelia in the Libertadores Cup final, Zico scored all his team's four goals, while it was he who created the three which sank Liverpool in Tokyo.

Inevitably Zico has been a prime target for Europe's wealthier clubs. In recent years Real Madrid, Internazionale Milan, Barcelona and Juventus all have been linked with him, but it was AC Milan which came nearest to acquiring his signature.

Zico, who has an Italian grandfather, appeared set to join newly-promoted Milan in April of last year only for Flamengo president Antoniote Abrahao to produce a financial packet which even the Milanese could not match.

Zico's contract is a complex document, his earnings are made up of a base figure plus the proceeds of an annual benefit match, money from commercial endorsements, a percentage of gate takings and bonuses.

A conservative estimate of his salary is \$350,000 a year.

Little wonder then, that he stayed in Rio and Milan had to be content with the consolation prize (or booby prize?) of Joe Jordan as its foreign acquisition.

Displaying the rare combination of supreme ball control and a livewire footballing brain, Zico can dictate a match, irrespective of the company he is in.

With Roma's Roberto Falcao now likely to be available for Brazil as a conventional midfielder, Zico probably will adopt an attacking role in Spain.

An exponent of the swerving free kick from outside the box, he is a clinical finisher inside it.

Only once have Zico and Maradona come face to face. Flamengo — and Zico, won that encounter 2-0, although the Argentinian was still nursing an injury.

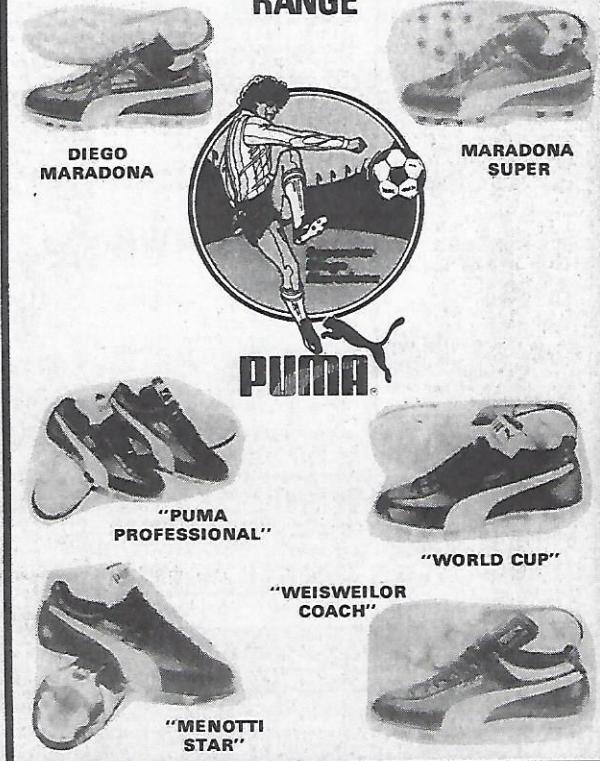
When they meet again the destination of the World Cup may well be determined by the outcome.

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FRONT ROW: Glen Fontana (Wollongong United, 1981), John Fleming (Port Vale, England, 1981), Phil O'Connor (APIA, 1982), Chris Dunleavy (Halifax, England, 1981), Peter Willis (Rapid Wheat Point, 1981).
 Wollongong City, backed by Westfield and the Wollongong Leagues Club, was formed last

year to give the Illawarra region in NSW representation in the PSL. The groundwork in the club's administration was done by Laurie Kelly (speaker of the NSW Legislative Assembly), Greg Best, Alan Hoy, John Elliot, Neville Arrowsmith and Richard Drake. Englishman Ken Morton was hired as player-coach during this first season and almost unbelievably the team, built on a budget of only \$70,000, was sitting on top of the PSL ladder in the early rounds. To help consolidate "The Wolves" in the PSL, Roy Cotton crossed from St. George this year for \$8,000. Phil O'Connor was signed from APIA for \$4,000 and Larry Gaffney was bought for \$9,000 from Brisbane City.

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